



ASSISTING POLICE, SHERIFF AND FIREFIGHTERS

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A frustrated New York firefighter sits and rests as at ground zero after hours of clearing rubble and looking for bodies at the site of the WTC. Photo by Dudley M. Brooks / The Washington Post

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POLICE

Chaplains represent a wide variety of religious traditions and levels of professional preparation and endorsement. But when the chaplain is working in the police world, each is "chaplain" for everyone, not the religious leader of a particular tradition serving a particular congregation or service agency.

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Chaplains Goals & Core Values

- Chaplains serve many personal and spiritual needs of individuals where they are, when they need the support of another person who comes to them without judgment, with openness, and cares for them until the crisis moment is over.
- Chaplains respect the persons they serve, even though there may be profound differences in race, gender, economic status, religious experience and many other factors.
- Chaplains come at any hour, in all kinds of weather. Mostly, they listen. But they also comfort people who are shaking with fear with a gentle touch . . . or perhaps, if someone asks, a prayer will be offered in guarded privacy to support the trembling of spirit that comes in difficult moments.

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Chaplains Goals & Core Values cont'd.....

- Chaplains also understand the difficulties of public bureaucracies, assisting with the "*red tape*" moments of life for officers and the public alike. They spend many hours riding as active passengers with officers on patrol duty.
- They also participate in a wide variety of training programs with their officer partners. Often chaplains are asked to teach classes dealing with stress, family life, relationships, ethics, and other issues.

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International Conference of Police Chaplains

Annual Training Seminar

- *A key element of a chaplain's qualifications and qualities for service with a law enforcement agency is his or her willingness to be actively involved in training programs offered by police agencies and by ICPC.*
- **Training programs enhance a chaplain's efficiency in meeting and dealing with people in crisis. Many clergy are either required or strongly encouraged by their ecclesiastical organizations to participate regularly in continuing education programs.**

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International Conference of Police Chaplains

Annual Training Seminar cont'd.....

- The Annual Training Seminar (ATS) offered by ICPC specifically is intended to prepare law enforcement chaplains for their specialized work. The required 12 core courses for credentialing at the Basic level of law enforcement chaplaincy will be offered.
- Many regions also offer course work to satisfy many of the Basic credentialing requirements. ICPC maintains a registry of all continuing education work completed by members. Each of the workshops or advanced track programs at the national ATS will earn each participant continuing education credits.

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What Do Law Enforcement Chaplains Do?

IPC seeks to maintain professionalism in law enforcement chaplaincy. Law enforcement chaplains do some or all of the following:

- Counsel law enforcement officers
- Counsel other members of a department
- Counsel the families of law enforcement officers and other department personnel
- Visit sick or injured officers and departmental personnel in homes and hospitals
- Make death notifications
- Provide assistance to victims
- Teach officers in areas such as Stress Management, Ethics, Family Life, and Pre-retirement classes and courses

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What Do Law Enforcement Chaplains Do? Cont'd.....

- Serve as part of a department's Crisis Response Team
- Assist at suicide incidents
- Serve as liaison with other clergy in the community
- Provide for the spiritual needs of prisoners
- Furnish expert responses to religious questions
- Offer prayers at special occasions such as recruit graduations, awards ceremonies, and dedication of buildings
- Serve on review boards, award boards, and other committees
- Deal with transients and the homeless

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Federation of Fire Chaplains

- The mission of the Federation of Fire Chaplains is to bring together persons interested in providing an effective Chaplain Service: to give aid, comfort and help to firefighters and their families; to work toward the betterment of all areas of the fire and emergency service.
- To serve God, to aid humanity, our communities, our government, our religions, our Country and the quality of life; to help mankind in developing their most noble characteristic-that of serving others; to help bring about a better understanding among all people with mutual harmony and respect regardless of one's level of authority; and to achieve a single healing, unifying spirit of love for God and each other.

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Fire Chaplain



Father Mychal Judge a New York City Fire Department chaplain killed during a rescue mission immediately following the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center attack.

Chaplain to the department since 1992, the 68-year-old died in a hail of steel and concrete as he anointed a firefighter and a fallen office worker. Father Judge became the first officially recorded fatality following the attack.

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ST. PAULS CHAPEL

- After the towers fell, a tiny 18th-century Episcopal church became a relief center. Clergy counseled, cooks dished out meals, and medical workers treated stiff muscles and burned feet.





Members of the NY Fire department pay their last respect to Chaplain Mychal Judge who died from injuries sustained while on the scene of the World Trade Center tragedy. Chaplain Judge, a Franciscan Priest, died while giving last rites to a firefighter who was earlier killed by a woman who fell on him. Photo by Carol Guzy / The Washington Post

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Chaplains - Serving the Community

- Who do you serve?
- Why do you serve?
- When do you serve?
- Where do you serve?
- How do you serve?
- What do you serve?

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WHO DO YOU SERVE?



A New York City police officer, wearing a protective mask, stands guard near the Stock Exchange building which sports a huge American flag one day before its re-opening September 16, 2001. Wall Street saw a flurry of cleaners and deliveries in preparation for the first day of trading since the area was devastated by the destruction of the Twin Towers. Photo by Kevin Doembs / Reuters.

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FIREFIGHTERS



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PARAMEDICS

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NURSES



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EMT'S



Emergency medical workers comfort one another after the Twin Towers collapse. Photo by Carmine Galasso / The Record

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EVERYDAY PEOPLE



Brooklyn, New York, Sharnise Wingate, who witnessed the second plane flying into the tower, reacts to the collapse of the first tower. Photo by Suzanne DeChillo / NY Times

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WHY DO YOU SERVE?



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TO HELP



A police officer covered in ash from the first building collapse of the World Trade Center leans against a case in the Stage Door Deli on Vesey Street in lower Manhattan where he took refuge before the second building came down Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Police officers, firefighters and a small group of civilians took shelter in the deli before they could escape the area. Photo by Ruth Fremson / The New York Times.

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FOR HOPE



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TO COMFORT



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WHEN DO YOU SERVE?



A rescue worker takes a drink of water during the search and rescue operations following the World Trade Center attack.
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WHEN CALLED UPON



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FUNERALS



Family members attend funeral services at St Patrick's Cathedral for firemen lost at the WTC tragedy. Photo by G. Paul Burnett / The New York Times.

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DOWNTIME



Rescue workers and police officers taking a break inside St. Paul's Chapel.
Photo by Ruth Fremson / New York Times.

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DURING DISASTERS



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DURING CRISIS



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DURING CHAOS



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HOW DO YOU SERVE?



Survivors of the World Trade Center attack huddle together in a nearby office building. Photo by Aris Economopoulos/The Star-Ledger.

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THROUGH THEIR EYES



George Sleigh, who was pulled from the debris by co-workers on the 91st floor of the World Trade Center's north tower, covers his mouth as he walks through debris after the collapse of one of the World Trade Center Towers. Photo by Stan Henda/AFP.



A woman covered in dust takes refuge in an office building after the top of one of the World Trade Center towers collapsed. The woman was caught outside on the street as the cloud of smoke and dust enveloped the area. Photo by Stan Henda/AFP.

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WITH COMPASSION



New York Daily News staff photographer David Haddad is carried from site after his leg was shattered by falling debris while he was photographing the terrorist attack on, and ensuing collapse of, the World Trade Center on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.
Photo by Todd Miesel / New York Daily News

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WITH SENSITIVITY



Pedestrians leave the destroyed area of the World Trade Centers in lower Manhattan, NY.

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WITH COMMITTMENT



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WHEN DO YOU SERVE?



A woman wipes away her tears, as she and a friend pray at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the day after the World Trade Center attacks. Photo by Steven E. Frischling / Corbis Sygma

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TIMES OF DESPAIR



Mourning at St. Nicholas of Tolentine in the Bronx. Woman with flag prays for the victims and family during a service held for victims. Photo by Angel Franco / The New York Times.

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DURING FLOODS



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TOTAL DISASTER



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WHAT DO YOU SERVE?



Wall street workers show their identification to either the police or National Guard, to get access to their place of employment. Photo by Angel Franco / The New York Times.

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OUR CITIES



Aerial view of the Superdome and New Orleans' flooded east side. (Ricky Carioti/Post)

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OUR CHURCHES



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OUR COMMUNITIES



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OUR MILITARY



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THE FORGOTTEN



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EACH OTHER



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9-11 CAP CHAPLAINS

- Cap Chaplains responded as Firefighters, Police Officers, and EMT's etc. in their secular roles.
- Cap Chaplains responded to the 9-11 disaster as part of a national, regional and local CISM Teams
- Cap Chaplains responded to the need of communities during 9-11 by opening their Houses of worship as a sanctuary, spiritual support, and also provided worship services for communities at large.

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9-11 CAP CHAPLAINS cont'd...



- New York Wing Chaplain LTC Barbara Williams, coordinated New York Chaplains across the state, to assist at local community prayer vigils, town meetings, hospitals, and squadron informational debriefings.

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9-11 CAP CHAPLAINS cont'd...



- LTC John Kelly responded to the Westhampton 106th Air National Guard Rescue Wing to assist the base with Chaplain coverage and provided worship services to the communities in Eastern Long Island.

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9-11 CAP CHAPLAINS cont'd...



1Lt (Chaplain candidate) Barbara Y Williams II responded to NYPD Headquarters and acted as a clergy liaison between the community and the police department

Counseled police officers at ground zero, and the families of deceased officers and also civilians and their family members at the scene.

CCAP (Clergy Community and Police) was established and implemented in the fall of 1998 by Detective (Reverend) Barbara Y. Williams, an ordained minister and NYPD Community Affairs officer in partnership with the New York City Police Foundation.

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9-11 CAP CHAPLAINS cont'd...

- CCAP brings together the community, police and clergy in a constructive, positive setting.
- The ultimate goal is that the dialogue, interaction and exchange of ideas will not only improve existing police relations in local communities but also help forge new relationships.

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9-11 CAP Chaplains cont'd...



Ch, Maj, Van Don Williams, New York City Group Chaplain responded to 9-11 as a firefighter.

Provided crisis intervention to Battalion 49 fire units.

Provided CISM debriefing to Division 14 Staff Chiefs, and officers.

Setup defusing and informational debriefings to NYCG, SEG, and LIG Squadrons.

➤ Provided CISM training to local Clergy in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan

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Police Chaplains and outside Clergy

- Police Chaplains and other clergy can be an invaluable, low-cost resource for helping officers with problems.
- One of the greatest concerns officers have when seeking help is confidentiality. One thing that most officers will believe is that a priest, rabbi, minister, or other member of the clergy will keep what is said to him or her confidential.



Police Chaplains and outside Clergy cont'd.....

- A member of the clergy may be **especially comforting** to an officer who is **religious**, and talking to a clergy member **lacks the stigma** of seeing a **psychiatrist, psychologist, etc.**
- While some officers might be more comfortable with a chaplain or clergy member of their own faith, most officers will realize that a sincere member of the clergy, from any religion, will be willing to help them.



Police Chaplains and outside Clergy cont'd.....

- There are probably **many** capable clergy members in your community who would gladly volunteer to help officers with problems.
- Like a peer counselor or a chaplain, an outside clergy member will usually **not** provide **in-depth, long-term therapy or counseling**, or try to do the job of a psychiatrist or psychologist, but rather will refer the officer, confidentially, to other sources of help.



Emergency Services



Chaplain Bill Lotz . . .

- Recruits, trains and maintains the crew of volunteer chaplains that respond to fires and serious injuries from Sunnyside to Walla Walla.
- Has organized a paging system for the various fire and police departments, so that the emergency workers can call for the chaplains at any time, and have them be on the scene for the emergency workers or the people in need.
- Also does debriefing of critical incidents with groups around town, in schools, etc.
- Has helped set up a “safe room” in some of the schools when students have experienced a traumatizing event.

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RESOURCES

- www.icpc4cops.org
- www.firehouse.com
- www.nypd.org
- www.fdney.org
- www.holismoke@msn.com
- www.tricitieschaplaincy.org
- www.firechaplains.org
- www.nvfc.org
- www.usfa.dhs.gov
- www.icisf.org
- www.redcross.org

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